(*c*) the principle on which the distribution was effected among the employees; and

(*d*) whether the non-pensionable staff was given the benefit of this bonus?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) 5 per cent of the net profit in each year.

(*b*) 13-5-1943. Distributed in Chingom after the Balance Sheet was approved by Government.

(*c*) The amount is distributed in the proportion of the total salary drawn by each employee during the year.

(*d*) Yes. The non-pensionable staff only are the participants in the distribution.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Are the pensionable staff of the Department participants of this bonus scheme.

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: It was a definite rule made when the Department was started.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Director is a participant?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether any other department gives bonus to its employees?

PRESIDENT: The question does not arise.

Rule Book for drivers and conductors in the State Transport Department.

149. ***MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the rules contained in the Rule Book for drivers and conductors issued by the State Transport Department at the time of its inception are still in force; if not, the date on which they were cancelled or withdrawn?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The rules contained in the Rule Book are still in force subject to slight modifications made from time to time.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Has the Director taken any pains to see whether these rules are being followed by the conductors of the services run by the Transport Department?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes, Sir.

Opening of new Colleges.

150. ***MR. K. A. MOHAMED** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any applications for permission to open new colleges in any part of the State?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): No.

Muslim girl students in the University Colleges.

151. ***MR. P. S. MOHAMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Muslim girl students in the University Colleges for Arts and Science?

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MR. H. C. PAPWORTH: The statement asked for is furnished below:

Name of the College.	*Number of Students.*
H. H. the Maharaja's University College ...	Nil
H. H. the Maharaja's College for Women ...	8

MR. P. S. MOHAMED. Will the member be pleased to state whether there was any application from Muslims for admission to the University College last year?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH: There were one or two applications last year. But none of them was qualified and eligible for admission to the College.

MR. P. S. MOHAMED: May I know whether there was any application this year?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH: The applications this year are still in processs of being made and I have not yet received details.

Fire accident in Transport bus.

152. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether a transport bus had a fire accident this year on the Trivandrum-Nedumangad road;
if so, the cause of accident and the loss consequent on it?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes, due to petrol catching fire accidentally, a bus was completely burnt.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Was it when the bus was running that this accident arose?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir. It was stationary.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Was it when it was being repaired?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Was it due to any negligence?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The matter is under investigation.

State Transport buses and lorries fitted with gas plant.

153. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI. Will the Government be pleased to state regarding Transport Department:

(a) the number of buses and lorries fitted with gas-plant;

(b) the number run on petrol;

(c) the number of gas-plants manufactured by the department and fitted on to vehicles;

(d) the number of gas plants bought from other manufacturers and their names and the number bought from each one of them;

(e) whether petrol is supplied to run motor vehicles fitted with gas plant; and

(f) if so, why?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (a) 32 buses 2 lorries.
(b) 65 buses 37 lorries.
(c) 34.
(d) Nil.
(e) Yes; in small quantities.
(f) For purposes of starting the engine in the first instance.

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